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CONCENTRATES

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

S I R :

This is a response to the Office Action of September 4, 2003
(Paper No. 6), which is a Restriction Requirement under 35 USC
121. The term for responding to the Office Action ends on
October 4, 2003.

R E M A R K S

Restriction was required under 35 USC 121 as follows:

- Group I. Claims 1 to 20, drawn to a method of leaching
zinc; and
Group II. Claim 21, drawn to an apparatus for leaching
zinc concentrates.

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1 to 20).